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(Drew Pearson's column is written today by his associate, Jack Anderson.)

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A Polish security officer, who spied for the U. S. for three years, then escaped to the West when his game became too dangerous, has suddenly started spreading wildly improbable tales on Capitol Hill.

He is Col. Michal Goleniewski, who was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency as a "defector in place" in 1958. He had access as a Polish liaison officer to the secrets of Russia's KGB spy agency and was able to smuggle out valuable information until he was forced to flee in 1961. He has been in constant fear of his life, and the strain may have been too much for him. For example, last summer he described himself as a Romanoff, a member of the Russian royal family, although he is a Pole. Then he began claiming that Communist agents had infiltrated the CIA. He spun a yarn about how \$1,000,000 in CIA funds had fallen into KGB hands, half of which had been pumped back into the U. S. to finance Communist operations.

These stories inevitably reached Capitol Hill, where they appear to have been accepted at face value by Sen. Thurmond (D-S. C.) and Rep. Feighan (D-Ohio), who take a conspiratorial view of events.

They have talked to the defector, who has offered no evidence except his own emotional testimony. The CIA has tried to persuade Goleniewski to visit a psychiatrist, but he has refused on the ground that this may be a plot to silence him.